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GENEALOGY.

FRANCIS BAKER — Came over in the Planter in 1635, at the age of 24, from Great Stalbons, Hartfordshire, England. Settled in Yarmouth, Mass. Married *Isabel Twining* in 1641. He died in 1696. She died 1706. Their children were :

NATHANIEL BAKER, born January 27, 1642 ;

JOHN BAKER, — ;

SAMUEL BAKER, born May, 1648 ;

DANIEL BAKER, born September 2, 1650 ;

WILLIAM BAKER, — ;

THOMAS BAKER, — ;

ELIZABETH BAKER, — ;

HANNAH BAKER, — .

DANIEL BAKER — Fourth son of Francis Baker, was born September 2, 1650, and married *Elizabeth Chase*, May 27, 1674. Their children were :

DANIEL BAKER, born 1675 ;

SAMUEL BAKER, born 1676.

SAMUEL BAKER — Second son of Daniel Baker, born in 1676, and married *Elizabeth Berry*, July 30, 1702. Their children were :

JUDAH BAKER, born 1705 ;

FRANCES BAKER, born 1711 ;

SAMUEL BAKER, born 1715.

JUDAH BAKER — First son of Samuel, (above named,) born August 19, 1705. Married *Mercy Burgess*, February 15, 1727. Their children were:

TIMOTHY BAKER, born 1732;

BARNABAS BAKER, born 1734;

JUDAH BAKER, born 1743.

BARNABAS BAKER — Second son of Judah, (above named,) born in Yarmouth, Mass., February 23, 1734, and married *Mehitable Smith Chatham*, March 14, 1754. He died December 31, 1797. Their children were:

MEHITABLE BAKER, born February 14, 1755; Died July 7, 1804;

BARNABAS BAKER, born September 2, 1757;

SMITH BAKER, born March 30, 1759;

ELKANAH BAKER, born January 14, 1761;

JONATHAN BAKER, born December 16, 1762;

[The above were born in Yarmouth, Mass.]

ELIZABETH BAKER, born October 21, 1764;

JUDAH BAKER, born April 25, 1766;

JOHN BAKER, born June 22, 1767;

DESIRE BAKER, born October 5, 1768;

REUBEN BAKER, born October 24, 1770;

ABNER BAKER, born October 24, 1770;

BROWN BAKER, born October 24, 1772;

[The above seven were born in Brownville, Brownrigton, N. S.]

MERCY BAKER, born August 8, 1774;

REBECCA BAKER, born August 12, 1776; died November 3, 1777;

REBECCA BAKER, born September 16, 1779.

[These three were born in Pownelbro, Me.]

CAPT. SMITH BAKER — Second son of Barnabas Baker, born March 30, 1759. Married *Elizabeth Bunker*, September 26, 1779. Their children were:

EBER BAKER, born April 24, 1780; died October 6, 1864;

CHARLES BAKER, born July 20, 1782; died January 6, 1852.

MEHITABLE BAKER, born September 16, 1784; died March 23, 1860.

CAPT. SMITH BAKER was married the second time September 27, 1787, to *Mary Whidden*, who was born October 16, 1753. Their children were:

MARY BAKER, born October 8, 1789; died September 10, 1851;

SMITH BAKER, born June 17, 1791; died July 3, 1871.

EBER BAKER—Eldest son of Capt. Smith Baker, born April 27, 1780; died October 6, 1864. Was married to *Lydia Smith*, June 29, 1802. She was born June 29, 1779; died June 24, 1843. Residence, Marion, Ohio. Their children were:

GEORGE W. BAKER, (Rev.,) born October 22, 1803;

CHARLES BAKER, born December 8, 1804;

ELIZABETH B. BAKER, born August 7, 1806; died November 17, 1843;

LINCOLN BAKER, born July 8, 1809;

MEHITABLE C. BAKER, born December 22, 1812;

LYDIA BAKER, born August 17, 1816; died June 19, 1847.

EBER BAKER was married the second time January 21, 1845, to *Susan Wilson*.

CHARLES BAKER—Second son of Capt. Smith Baker, born July 20, 1782; died January 6, 1852. Married *Agnes Smith*, December 11, 1806; born October 19, 1788; died July 25, 1844. Their children were:

WILLIAM S. BAKER, born April 28, 1808;

HOWARD BAKER, born July 12, 1810;

EBER BAKER, born November 1, 1812;

PAMELIA T. BAKER, born February 24, 1815;

LOUISA BAKER, born June 26, 1817; died April, 1855;

SMITH BAKER, born October 4, 1820; died April 20, 1821;

SMITH BAKER, born March 3, 1822;

CHARLES BAKER, born May 28, 1824;

LUCY S. BAKER, born November 26, 1826;

SABRINA BAKER, born April 23, 1829;

JULIA M. BAKER, (Mrs. Wood,) born July 29, 1831.

MEHITABLE BAKER — Eldest daughter of Capt. Smith Baker, born September 16, 1784, and died March 23, 1860. She was married — , to *James Chase*, who was born August 19, 1782, and died November 25, 1852. Their residence was Bowdoin, Me. Their children were:

BUNKER CHASE, born November 28, 1805; died June 13, 1863;

JAMES CHASE, born January 28, 1808;

MARY CHASE, (Mrs. Dennett,) born April 8, 1810;

LUCY A. CHASE, (Mrs. Ferrin,) born April 26, 1813;

ORIN B. CHASE, born July 19, 1817; died August 9, 1860;

ELIZABETH B. CHASE, born September 8, 1822; died September 28, 1828;

FRANCES A. CHASE, (Mrs. Johnson,) born April 13, 1831.

MARY BAKER — Second daughter of Capt. Smith Baker, born October 8, 1789. Married *William Robinson* (born July 9, 1787,) December 1, 1808. She died September 10, 1851. He died September 5, 1869. Their children were:

DANIEL ROBINSON, born August 30, 1809; died July 7, 1850;

WILLIAM ROBINSON, born August 11, 1811; died May 27, 1862;

JABEZ ROBINSON, born July 9, 1813; died June 22, 1866;

MELLEN ROBINSON, born September 27, 1816;

SUMNER ROBINSON, born November 23, 1818; died February 11, 1821;

SUMNER ROBINSON, born January 8, 1821; died May 13, 1832;

PARISH S. ROBINSON, born November 16, 1822; died May 13, 1832;

STILMAN B. ROBINSON, born February 26, 1825;

MARY ROBINSON, born September 3, 1826; died November 29, 1856;

MARTHA ROBINSON, born January 4, 1829;

FRANCES ROBINSON, born September 11, 1831;

ANGELINE L. ROBINSON, born September 21, 1833; died May 31, 1859.

DEACON SMITH BAKER — Youngest son of Capt. Smith Baker, born in Bowdoin, Me., June 17, 1791. Married *Mary Smith* (who was born in Litchfield, Me., August 24, 1791,) July 11, 1811. Deacon Baker died in Litchfield, Me., July 3, 1871. His wife died in Litchfield, Me., May 27, 1867. Their children were:

JOTHAN SEWELL BAKER, born December 26, 1812; died September 14, 1849;

ALDEN BAKER, born October 9, 1815;

SALLIE SMITH BAKER, born April 2, 1818;

MARY L. BAKER, born March 17, 1823;

SMITH BAKER, born February 14, 1827; died September 5, 1832;

SMITH BAKER, 2ND, born February 18, 1836.

SEWELL BAKER — Eldest son of Deacon Smith and Mary Baker, born December 26, 1812; died September 14, 1849. Was married to *Sarah W. Godfry* (who was born September 16, 1814,) July 4, 1837. She died February 7, 1839.

He was married the second time to *Hannah Pond Davis*, (daughter of Rev. Timothy Davis; born January 23, 1815). Their children were:

SARAH GODFREY BAKER, born September 5, 1841;

HENRY DAVIS BAKER, born April 18, 1843;

HANNAH DAVIS BAKER, born December 5, 1844.

Hannah, his second wife, died December 11, 1844, and he was married the third time to *Mary Smith* (born September 2, 1820; daughter of Deacon Isaac Smith,) March 26, 1845. Their daughter,

ELIZABETH SMITH BAKER, was born February 9, 1846.

ALDEN BAKER — Second son of Deacon Smith and Mary Baker, born October 9, 1815, was married to *Caroline Sanborn* (born May 31, 1807,) March 26, 1838. Their children were:

FRANKLIN HESS BAKER, born July 21, 1840; died February 20, 1841;

FRANKLIN HESS BAKER 2ND, born December 2, 1841;

ALMA ELIOTT BAKER, born May 19, 1844.

SALLIE SMITH BAKER — Third child of Deacon Smith and Mary Baker, born April 2, 1818, married *Albion B. Stinson, M. D.*, June 8, 1847. Dr. Stinson died August 11, 1848. Their son,

ALBION T. STINSON, was born February 20, 1849.

She married the second time *Elisha Earl*, January 20, 1857.

MARY L. BAKER — Fourth child of Deacon Smith and Mary Baker, born in Bowdoin, March 17, 1823. Married *George W. Springer*, August 25, 1845, who was born December 22, 1819. Their residence is in Litchfield, Maine.

REV. SMITH BAKER — Youngest son of Deacon Smith and Mary Baker, born in Bowdoin, February 18, 1836. Married at Northumberland, N. H., September 13, 1860, to *Isabella Ann Ditson*, born in Wilton, Me., April 18, 1836, eldest daughter of Alvah and Elizabeth Diston. Residence in Lowell, Mass. Their son,

ALVAH SMITH BAKER, was born in Veazie, Maine, March 13, 1862.

SARAH GODFRY BAKER — Eldest daughter of Sewell Baker, born September 5, 1841, was married in Kingston, Mass., November 16, 1864, to *Horatio S. Payne*, born February 13, 1852. Residence in Litchfield, Me. Their children are :

HENRY SEWELL PAYNE, born October 18, 1865 ;

MARY ALMA PAYNE, born July 19, 1867.

HENRY DAVIS BAKER — Only son of Sewell Baker, born April 18, 1843, was married April 18, 1869, in Boston, to *Emma L. Randall*, born in Boston, March 21, 1846. Their daughter,

FLORENCE EMMA BAKER was born in Lynn, Mass., August 15, 1873.

HANNAH DAVIS BAKER — Second daughter of Sewell Baker, born December 5, 1844. Married in Lewiston, Me., January 1, 1864, to *Charles H. Palin*. They reside in Easton, Me. Their children are :

PHILANDER HENRY PALIN, born May 3, 1866 ;

SARAH LIZZIE PALIN, born November 23, 1867 ;

CHARLES ALDEN PALIN, born September 9, 1869.

FRANKLIN HESS BAKER — Only son of Alden Baker, born December 9, 1844, was married in Portland, Me., December 3, 1863, to *Mary J. Godding*, born in Gardiner, Me., October 6, 1841. Residence, Pittston, Me. Their children are :

NELLIE MAY BAKER, born in Gardiner, July 23, 1865 ;

JOHN F. M. BAKER, born in Gardiner, November 2, 1868 ; died November 4, 1870.

MEMORIAL.

DEACON SMITH BAKER.

BORN JUNE 17, 1791; DIED JULY 3, 1871.

Deacon Baker was a man of great physical activity and endurance, constantly engaged in business and toil till the last few months of his life. His energy of character, force of will and uncommon self-control gave him unusual executive ability, making him a natural leader among men, and he was called to positions of trust by his fellow-citizens, in the town, the church and other situations of importance. He was Deacon of the First Congregational Church in Litchfield for many years; also President of the Board of Trustees of the Academy, of which he was one of the founders and most generous supporters. He had strong convictions and was an independent thinker, passionately fond of an argument and loving to reason out his own conclusions, which when he had reached he grasped with all the tenacity of his strong will and warm heart. Assertions never moved him; thus he was just the man to defend a weak cause against majorities, which he lived to do and often did, as his natural ability in argument and gift of expression was far

above the average. Young men sought him to assist them in their discussions, and sometimes he was called to plead in questions of local interest against gentlemen of the legal profession. One of his Pastors, the Rev. Benjamin Smith (who was as dear to him as an own son,) remarked, "that he never knew finer talents only needing the advantages of early culture, to bring them into greatness." He was thoroughly fearless and independent, enjoying to be on the "other side," rather than seem to be governed by another.

A public-spirited generosity was another characteristic of his nature, and more than any other one he led in the educational and reformatory interests of the community where he resided. He loved to give to others and deny himself that he might give, doing always as much if not more than his share of toil for them; indeed he had a most hearty contempt for the man who would not sacrifice his own comfort for the public good, and with two or three others of like spirit in his own community and thousands of others scattered all over the hills of New England, he toiled to rear and sustain the church and the school for the benefit of the public as he would toil for his own family.

His honesty and purity of character were never doubted. His morality was of the Puritan style with very little fellowship with many of the modern ways and habits of society. He was thoroughly religious, loving what are called the old doctrines of the Evangelical School, and his religious duties were placed *first*. Neither pleasure, business nor friends were allowed to interfere with his family, social or sanctuary devotions. The first and deepest impression his unspoken

allowed to interfere with his family, social, or sanctuary devotions. The first and deepest impression his unspoken influence made upon the members of his family was the strength of his religious purpose, and that the uppermost desire of his heart was, all about him should become Christians. He never failed to give and leave this impression, not so much by the words he said as by the spiritual atmosphere in which he lived, for he was positive in his silent as well as spoken influence.

He had enemies, but they were few, and of two classes: Those who opposed what he considered to be right. Such found in him a foe worthy to be met, one they respected the more when the contest was over. One such from whom he differed in religious sentiment, the temperance reform, and party politics, remarked that he was the toughest and most Christian foe he ever had, a remark which well represents the strength and balance of his character.

His other enemies were a few of that class of persons who have neither mental or spiritual energy enough to be positive on moral questions, and who, in the religious life, seek to be considered religious without professing religion. Such people could hardly rest under his decided and earnest words and still more decided and earnest life. His whole example was a constant rebuke to lukewarmness or cowardice in religion, and their course rather awakened his mirth for their timidity, his pity for their littleness, and his contempt for their opposition. He said he liked to have an apple either sweet or sour, and it was hard for him to respect a man, in particular a young man who had no ambition, and he

admired (as most sensible people do) a decided sinner more than a passive, inactive good man, if such there can be.

He was a deeply spiritual man, and for the last ten years of his life had an unusual experience of the Divine favor, living in an atmosphere of prayer and communion with his Master. Spiritual things became real to him, and in the truest and highest sense he enjoyed religion—so much so that it was a means of grace to be with him as he prayed or told of his hopes, for he had reached a plane above the common Christian life, and not being naturally of a hopeful disposition, all his victories were the result of the deep spiritual experience. His soul seemed filled not only with a constant joy in God, but with a tender anxiety for souls, which rested like a sweet burden upon his heart, and an all-embracing charity for others, in particular those who differed from him or said unkind things about him; such did not know how out of a loving heart he prayed that no bitterness of feeling might be between them, and only those who knew something of the strength of his will could understand how complete was the triumph of grace in his soul by which he endured all and controlled himself, when, but for the love of God, there would have been at least a righteous indignation.

We who heard his family prayers saw how he communed with God, longing to depart and be with Christ, there to meet *her* with whom he lived in wedded life for fifty-six years, as a weary child longs to find its mother's arms and rest there. He had often expressed the wish that when the time of his departure came he might fall asleep and awake in eternity; and thus on the afternoon of the third day of July, 1871, after a brief illness, remarking he

would try and have a little rest, he slumbered and in his sleep passed out into the world of glory. While the body rested the angels took the ripened spirit to its home. Thus died an honest, brave and holy man, who was never afraid to confess his Lord or perform his duty to his fellow-men, and when we followed his body to the tomb, his plain but strong features looked more kingly than ever, like a warrior who had finished his battles and found his throne and crown.

And now, though the time grows longer since he left us, the more we miss him, his words, his prayers and his visible presence, for he made spiritual things seem more real and brought God nearer to our hearts than any other man we have seen or expect to see.

MRS. MARY S. BAKER,

Wife of Deacon Smith Baker,

BORN AUGUST 24, 1791. - - - - DIED MAY 27, 1867.

“The deceased was a mother in Israel. She was a woman of strong, robust constitution, great energy, activity and benevolence of character, cheerful and youthful in her disposition, firm and decided in her religious convictions, and peaceful and hopeful in her Christian experience. She was a favorite with the young and a cheerful companion for the aged. The weary traveller for many years found her table and her house a home-like resort, and beneath her roof was a prophet’s chamber, where the Sewalls, Tappans and Thurstons of former days were accustomed to rest.

“The last few weeks of her life were those of great physical suffering, but borne with Christian patience and resignation. Among her last expressions were such as these: ‘More than fifty years ago I found Christ precious, but he is more precious to me now.’ ‘We shall meet again in Heaven.’ Again—‘God has forgiven my sins and given me peace in believing. When the Lord calls, I am willing to go.’ ‘Oh, that I might go to-day.’ And thus she rested in Christ.”—*Boston Congregationalist*.

The following is a brief extract from the sermon preached at her funeral by Rev. J. T. Hawes:—

“But what have we to say of that ‘mother in Israel’ whose lifeless form has this day been committed to the grave to await the resurrection of the just? Not a few of the ministers of Christ, living and dead, can say of her what Paul said of a godly woman in his day, ‘She hath been a succorer of many, and of myself also.’ She was ‘given to hospitality.’ I well remember the ‘ministers’ tavern’ in yonder not far distant house, some thirty years ago; a house which was ‘not forgetful to entertain strangers;’ a house where the servants of the Master, ‘for his dear sake,’ never failed to find a ‘cordial welcome.’

“But why do I speak of this? Because I am one of the many who have occasion to bear it in grateful remembrance. I am not here, however, to eulogise her character. Eulogy would afford no music to the ear that is cold in death; nor will the spirit that has gone to God stoop to the accents of a mortal’s praise. But neither private affection nor public sentiment would be wholly satisfied should no notice be taken of one who has so long moved in the midst of this community, and who will be so widely missed, and so deeply mourned, in the circle of domestic and social life. Here she was born, here she lived, and here she died, dwelling among her people for more than ‘three-score years and ten.’ That she was an affectionate wife in whom ‘the heart of her husband could safely trust’; that she was a devoted mother, loving her children, and beloved by them; that she was a kind and obliging neighbor, and a sincere friend to all, I need not say. More and better than all, she was a sincere

and hearty *Christian*, a woman ‘professing godliness,’ and *practising* it. She had a cheerful spirit—I know not whether this was natural or acquired—always disposing her to make the best of everything. She looked on the bright side of life, when the cloud was darkest. She remembered that it had a ‘silver lining.’ Her faith was strong, and her hope firm. When she came near to death, it had lost its sting. The gloom of the grave did not disturb her, for it was despoiled of its victory. The victory was hers, ‘through our Lord Jesus Christ.’ ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors,’ and their works do follow them.’”

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